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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Except for the related application, the remaining references are from the parent application 09/378,152 for which priority is claimed under 35 USC §120, and therefore, no copies of each of the documents is enclosed.

Applicants are enclosing a copy of related application serial no. 09/377,657 and the allowed claims from that application.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be

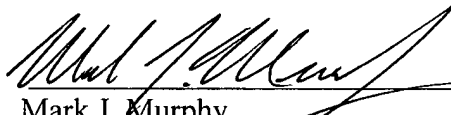
construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Since no office action has yet issued in this application, no fee is believed necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039 for any deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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